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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 10/15/2015** **DRUG DISTRIBUTION RING BUST**

On 10/14/15 the Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) completed a multi month investigation into a drug distribution ring in Frederick and Washington Counties. Four search and seizure warrants were executed simultaneously on Wednesday in reference to the investigation. Two of the warrants were served in Frederick County, one in Washington County and one in Waynesboro, PA. Investigators from the Frederick High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), which includes the FCSO, Frederick Police Department, Maryland State Police, and HSI, were involved in the investigation. Assisting them were investigators from the Washington County Narcotics Task Force, Franklin County (PA) Drug Task Force and Pennsylvania State Police Vice Troop H Unit.

The investigation was initiated after the FCSO received complaints of a subject selling large amounts of heroin and cocaine in the Frederick County area from people wishing to remain anonymous. As a result of the complaints, investigators from the FCSO began looking into the suspect, who was identified as "Cas" or "Castro". Through the investigation it was learned that "Castro's" true identity was Angel Adison Moorman, age 36, and was believed to reside in Hagerstown, MD.

Through both physical and electronic surveillance, investigators were able to determine that Moorman resided with his girlfriend in the 1000 block of Dianne Drive in Waynesboro, PA. It was also discovered that he utilized several of his client's residences to distribute his drugs. The three main houses that were used to distribute the controlled dangerous substances (CDS) were 9818 Old Frederick Road in Thurmont, 7402 Utica Road in Thurmont and 2610 Chestnut Grove Road, Sharpsburg, Washington County, MD. The four search warrants were served at the above locations.

Recovered during the Maryland warrants were miscellaneous items of CDS paraphernalia, evidence relating to the distribution of CDS from those locations, a Smith & Wesson handgun, a shotgun, numerous cell phones and electronic devices and \$2,167 in U.S. currency. Recovered from the Waynesboro location where the suspect was located was approximately one kilogram of cocaine broken down into several different bags, 2.1 ounces of heroin, and approximately 75 scheduled prescription pills. Also seized from the Waynesboro residence were four handguns located under the pillows where the two suspects were sleeping, \$12,287 in U.S. currency, a motorcycle and three vehicles.

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Angel Moorman was transported to the Franklin County Jail in Pennsylvania where he was charged with Possession of Cocaine, Possession with intent to distribute Cocaine, Possession of Heroin, Possession with intent to distribute Heroin, and charges related to a felon in Possession of firearms. Moorman is currently being held on a million dollar bond. Frederick County currently has an outstanding arrest warrant on Mr. Moorman as well for Distribution of Heroin.

Included in the takedown was the arrest of one of Mr. Moorman's customers, Melanie Michelle Midkiff, age 26 of 605 Weinberg Court in Woodsboro. Midkiff was arrested on a warrant charging her with Possession with intent to distribute Cocaine, Possession with intent to distribute Heroin, Distribution of both Heroin and Cocaine, Conspiracy to Distribute both Heroin and Cocaine, and Possession of both Heroin and Cocaine. She was transported to the Frederick County Adult Detention Center and held on a \$100,000 bond.

The case is continuing and numerous additional arrests will be made in the near future.

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